

### REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 11-13, 16-25 and 55-57 are pending in the application, claims 10 and 58-66 being canceled herein. Claims 9, 14, 15, 26-54, and 67-73 were canceled previously. Claims 1, 7, 16, 22, and 55 are the only independent claims.

The present Amendment is submitted pursuant to the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, sustaining the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-6, 8, 11-13, and 58-66, and reversing the Examiner's rejection of claims 7, 10, 16-25, and 55-57. Claim 1 in particular has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 10, which has been canceled. Claim 10 has been amended to be an independent claim. Dependent claims 2-6, 8, and 11-13 depend from claim 1 and are allowable since claim 10 was allowable.

### *Conclusion*

Owing to the Decision of the Board, independent claims 1, 16, 22, and 55, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are deemed to be in condition for allowance. An early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that direct contact with applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

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